

HIGHLAND MAIN STREET MEETING
Highland, Indiana 46322
May 7, 2020 MINUTES

The Highland Main Street Bureau met in an electronically conducted Public Meeting on May 7, 2020. The meeting was convened as an electronic meeting pursuant to Governor Eric Holcomb's Executive Order 20-04, reinstated by his Order 20-19, allowing such meetings pursuant to IC 5-14-1.5-3.6 for the duration of the COVID-19 emergency. All persons were meeting remotely using the Zoom platform that allowed for real time interaction, and supported the public's ability to observe and record the proceedings.

Call to Order

At 6:31 PM, the Highland Main Street (HMS) meeting was called to order by President Dawn Diamantopoulos.

Roll Call:

The following were present electronically, via the Zoom platform: Board Members Dawn Diamantopoulos, Lola McKay, Teri Yovkovich, Mary Wells, Kali Rasala, Marie Russo, Renee Reinhart, Redevelopment Director Kathy DeGuilio-Fox, and Redevelopment Assistant Lance Ryskamp. Board Members Julie Larson, Kellie Shelton, Emily Foreit, Aubrey Velasquez, and Mary Ellis were absent. Also, present electronically was Ed Dabrowski, Highland's IT Director.

Community Garden Committee

Michael Blejski, Community Garden Chairman, had presented the Redevelopment Assistant a proposed 2020 budget for the Community Garden project that was funded through an appropriation approved by the Town Council of unspent garden donations from 2019. The budget, which included the proposed purchase of lumber from Tri-Creek Lumber for constructing two additional garden beds at a cost of \$846.61, was presented to the Board for review. Lola McKay made a motion, seconded by Kali Rasala, to approve both the proposed 2020 Budget for the Community Garden project and the purchase of lumber from Tri-Creek Lumber for the new garden beds. The motion was approved on a voice vote 7-0.

Events Committee

Car Cruise

President Dawn Diamantopoulos advised the Board that under the current State of Indiana's COVID-19 Executive Order governing public gatherings, the limitations on the number of people permitted at an event on June 6th would be insufficient to safely hold the annual Car Cruise event. The Redevelopment Assistant noted that typical attendance at the event involved 125-150 classic cars and their owners, which would itself exceed the permitted number of people. Redevelopment Director DeGuilio-Fox advised the Board that the Memorial Day ceremony, scheduled for May 25th, had already been cancelled. After a brief discussion, Marie Russo made a motion to cancel the Car Cruise for 2020. Lola McKay seconded the motion, which was approved on a voice vote, 7-0.

Board member Mary Wells signed off from the meeting.

Discussion

Renee Reinhart indicated that she would contact Tri-Creek and arrange for transport of the lumber to the garden site. There was discussion concerning creating a set of plant donation cards, which would be distributed to

Zandstra's and Scheerenga's to permit donation of plants by the public. Redevelopment Director DeGuilio-Fox updated the Board concerning ongoing town leadership discussions to plan for a safe re-opening of town facilities.

Adjournment

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:44 PM.